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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT
TOLBERT

1. PLEASE RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: YOU HAVE MY SINCERE THANKS
FOR YOUR WARM WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP ON THE OCCASION OF MY
INAUGURAL AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD LIKE
TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REPEAT ONCE AGAIN HOW MINDFUL
WE ARE OF THE CLOSE AND LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WHICH
HAS SO HAPPILY EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES FOR SO
MANY YEARS, AND TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO RENEW AND
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STRENGTHEN THIS RELATIONSHIP.

3. QTE NOW THAT I FORMALLY HAVE ASSUMED MY DUTIES AS
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF
THE UNITED STATES' GREAT INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF AFRICA
AND MY DEDICATION TO DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST IN THE
EFFORT TO PROMOTE PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

OF THE CONTINENT.

4. QTE AS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CARRY ON THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE AND GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE BEST APPLIED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

5. QTE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ASSUME THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE AN EASY ONE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE DIPLOMACY EVERY CHANCE TO WORK.

6. QTE I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY TO CONSULT ON FUTURE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA'S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE
VANCE

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